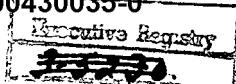


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General Walter Bedell Smith
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building
Room 123
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Noted by D/BCI
12/12/52 at

Dear General Smith:

I thought you would be interested in the following information furnished by an informant who has given this Bureau reliable and valuable information in the past, and which is purported to represent statements made by Soviet officials stationed in Europe who informant believes are important officials of the Soviet Ministry of State Security.

The Korean conflict will not be settled until the Soviets want it settled and they do not believe that it is to their advantage to negotiate a quick settlement. General Eisenhower's trip to Korea is considered as useless. It was stated that the quicker General Eisenhower gets together with the Russians to organize central Europe, the quicker there will be a settlement in Korea. The Soviets stated that General MacArthur was "right" and that two years ago the United Nations had a "chance" in Korea but that there is no chance to win the war at the present time. The Soviets have "an arsenal of destructive machinery, instruments, and manpower" only eight or ten hours' flight from Korea, which the United States "had better" take into consideration.

It was stated that the Russians will be ready for war ahead of the United States and will know in advance when the United States is ready to fire the "first gun." It was indicated that, having this knowledge, the Soviets would strike first. The Soviets were reported to have thousands of submarines which are immune to detection by radar and cannot be "trailed." It was stated that the Baltic Sea is full of Russian submarines. It was also alleged that the Soviets have more and better jet planes than the Allies, the ratio being three to one, and that they have more fliers for each plane, the ratio being seven to one. The Soviets are also reported to have more and better armament than the western nations and have manpower reserves on "every front."

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Informant added that if things continue to progress as in the past, General Eisenhower will get a "bombshell" in the Middle East a year from now or a little sooner, and that Germany will represent a problem for the United States.

The Soviets would rather have seen an election victory for Governor Stevenson because that would have lowered the prestige of General Eisenhower in Europe. It was stated that three out of every five Austrians working for the United States Government in Austria are agents or informants of the Soviets. The Soviets sent troops to Estonia, Latvia, and other areas after General Eisenhower allegedly stated in a speech that these countries were handed to the Russians on a silver platter by the Democrats.

It was also stated that the Soviets are "putting out" a lot of propaganda in France and England in an effort to "split" those two countries. "Battalions" of propagandists are reportedly in both countries. These propagandists are not Russians, but are mostly Nordics, Swiss, Danes, Tunisians, and Estonians.

I am unable to evaluate the above information, other than to state that our informant has furnished reliable and valuable information in the past. This informant can be expected to furnish valuable information in the future and for his protection it is requested that this data be treated as Secret and be given minimum distribution.

The above information has been furnished to the Attorney General; Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers, Special Consultant to the President; Honorable James S. Lay, Jr., Executive Secretary, National Security Council; Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant to the Secretary of State; Major General Joseph F. Carroll, Director of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force; Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, United States Atomic Energy Commission; Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, USAF, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Major General Richard C. Partridge, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army; Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Edgar Hoover